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City hopes resolutions spur casino talks

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus officials are hoping a new resolution in support of the Hannahville Indian Community will spearhead negotiations for a new casino in the city in the coming weeks.

The Romulus City Council voted 6-1 to offer a resolution of support to the Hannahville group at the regular meeting Monday. This is the third resolution the city has offered to a Native American tribe, and Tim Keyes, city economic development director, said he hopes it soon opens the doors to serious negotiations with any or all of them.

"We just want to be on record as saying we support any of the

We're not saying we would rather do business with one or the other - we're treating them all equally.

Tim Keyes

groups that would like to come to this community," he said. "We're not saying we would rather do business with one or the other - we're treating them all equally."

So far, the city has offered resolutions of support to the Sioux Indians and the Grand Traverse Band. The Hannahville community - like the Grand Traverse Band - would have to seek state approval and federal approval to build a casino in Romulus. But

the Sioux Indians, because of a lawsuit the tribe filed against the state about 10 years ago, was granted approval to build a casino in Romulus, Flint or Monroe by then-Gov. John Engler - providing they can procure federal approval for their project.

No serious negotiations between the city and the tribes have taken place yet, but Romulus officials did have a meeting with Grand Traverse

Band leaders this summer to discuss how much in taxes the city would take from the casino profits, if the band were to open a gaming house in Romulus. Because property taxes are not required for reservation land, Indian Tribes and municipalities usually negotiate separate agreements to create a revenue stream for the city.

The resolutions open the door for more than one casino to come to the city, but city officials think that it is unlikely more than one will be constructed. However, the city has studies that say the community could support two casinos.

"There is a possibility that

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Candidate forum is scheduled

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The only opportunity residents will have to discuss city matters with candidates openly and frankly before the November election will happen on Oct. 19 when the Romulus Chamber of Commerce hosts "Meet the Candidates After 5" forum.

The event is sponsored by the chamber and will run from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport Marriott Hotel, 30559 Flynn Drive.

Karen LaBelle, the secretary for the chamber, said the forum would give residents the chance to learn more about what each candidate represents.

"This is something we do each election cycle so the community can learn more about candidates," she said. "We're excited about bringing it back. The one we held four years ago was successful."

H.R. Rhoton, the president of the chamber, said the informal structure of the forum best serves residents.

"We have a lot of candidates, and if we gave each one five minutes to speak, it would likely be very boring for residents," he said. "This way, residents get to meet the candidate in a more personal environment."

Admission to the forum is free

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Just like royalty

Two Romulus High School students had the experience of their lives when they were crowned Homecoming King and Queen during 2005 homecoming festivities this year. Brian DeMoisey and La'Britney Franklin were crowned in front of a crowd of cheering classmates at the homecoming game against Garden City. Romulus Eagles lost the game, but seniors won float and spirit jug competitions.

Chief is recovering at home after collapse

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The Romulus Police Department is under new leadership - at least temporarily - after Public Safety Director Charles Kirby collapsed at the police station last Thursday.

Kirby, 57, collapsed from unknown causes at 11:30 a.m. and was transported to University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Mayor Alan Lambert said he has spoken with the chief since the incident. Kirby is at home recovering from the episode.

"He appears to be in good spirits," he said. "They said it wasn't a heart attack or a stroke. They just don't know what happened. But we certainly wish him well."

Kirby oversees both the 60-man police department and the 18-man fire department. In his absence, Det. Lt. John Leacher, an 18-year veteran of the department who often serves as the interim chief during Kirby's vacations, will manage the police department. Leacher will also continue to oversee the detective



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Charles Kirby

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A stitch in time

Quilters to raffle off historical quilt as part of centennial

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The ladies of the Belleville Area Museum Quilters Support Group have put the final stitches into their centennial project and as the Harvest Fest approaches, so does the winner of the quilt.

Now that the last block has been sewn into the historical quilt, it will be auctioned off at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 8, during the Harvest Fest.

Kay Atkins, owner of Threads N' Treasures Quilt Shop in Belleville, initiated the project. She said all 15 women who contributed to the quilt worked with one goal in mind—to generate funds for the museum.

"We put our hearts into making those blocks and now to sell tickets, but we did our thing and had fun doing it," she said. "Anyone who wanted to support the museum helped make it."

Anyone who wants to support the museum can also win the king-sized quilt, which is currently on display at the museum. It is made of 30 individual blocks, each one stitched in a different traditional pattern.

"To me it's a quilt that would really

make a room," said Museum Director Diane Wilson. "There are a lot of historical patterns that are incorporated. It truly is a work of art."

The newly formed support group started the project about a year ago. They decided to make a quilt because they thought it would be a neat task to do for both the centennial year celebration and a fundraising effort for the museum, Atkins said.

"We didn't get stressed out about it. We just had a good time," she said.

The group also remains busy creating other crafts, like pillowcases, table runners, tea cozies and scarves as fundraisers for the museum, which are all sold in the museum gift shop.

Tickets for the quilt can be purchased for \$1 now up until the raffle. They are available at Higginson and Neal Funeral Home, located at 209 Main St.; Magnificent Wrappings, located at 354 Main St.; Belleville City Hall; Van Buren Township Hall; Threads N' Treasures, located at 129 South St. and the museum.

"It's wonderful, people come into the museum, adore it and then buy a ticket," said Wilson. "We're very grateful for the



Diane Wilson, director of the Belleville Area Museum, said she hopes to generate as much attention and funds as possible for the museum through the centennial quilt made by an area support group.

donation and whatever it brings in."

"I hope someone who can't quilt, will never quilt and will take care of it wins,"

said Atkins. "We still have a whole bunch of tickets to sell and we'd love to sell them all for the museum."

School dinner to fund computers

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Teachers and students at Edgemont Elementary School in Belleville are putting down their textbooks for a night of fun and fundraising.

School staff and members of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) are planning a dinner to generate funds for new school computers.

The event—Edgemont Computers for Kids Fundraising Gala—will take place at 7 p.m. on Oct. 15 at the school, located at 125 Edgemont Street in Belleville. Admission is free and will include: hors d'oeuvres; drinks; entertainment by both a DJ and live guest performer; prizes, such as round trip tickets and hotel accommodations and autographed sports memorabilia from Mohamed Ali; raffles and both a silent and live auction, which will include cash prizes and a home entertainment system.

Edgemont principal Brian Kissman, said the evening will not only be lots of fun, but it's all for a great cause—upgraded technology to improve student education.

"Everyone and anyone who wants to make a difference for kids, learning and

education is invited," he said. "It gives the community a chance where they can get together, have a good time and generate funds for an educational cause."

Currently, Edgemont has one computer in each classroom and only a few in the media room. Kissman said they are all extremely outdated.

"It's time to expand and upgrade," he said. "I hope to have 10 additional computers for our media lab and three computers in each classroom. Technology is very expensive. We're not going to do this type of event every year, but this time we wanted to go for a big one."

The school also has a big goal—to generate \$50,000-75,000. It would fund the additional computers plus a high-speed Internet access.

Kissman said that there are sponsorship opportunities available, including platinum, gold and silver sponsors who will receive special event deals. Personal donations of cash and prizes will also be accepted.

For more information, to sponsor or to donate, call Colleen Suthers at 734-697-5759. Donations can also be made at Edgemont Elementary, or by calling, 734-697-8002.

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CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2005

To the qualified Electors of the City of Romulus, County of Wayne, State of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that, in conformity with the *Michigan Election Law*, I, the undersigned City Clerk, will upon any day EXCEPT Sunday, a legal holiday, and the day of any regular or special election, receive for registration the name of any resident not registered, who may APPLY for such registration EXCEPT during the time intervening between the CLOSE of Registration and the General Election, for the purpose of voting on the following offices:

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that registrations will be taken at any Secretary of State branch office or in the ROMULUS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan between the hours of

Monday thru Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

AND THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Tuesday, October 11, 2005 - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Every person who has the following qualifications, or who will have those qualifications at the next election shall be entitled to register:

1. A citizen of the United States, not less than 18 years of age.
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3. A resident of the City of Romulus.

For the purpose of REVIEWING THE REGISTRATION LIST AND REGISTERING such of the qualified electors who shall properly apply therefor, the name of no person but an ACTUAL RESIDENT of the City of Romulus at the time of registration, and entitled under the Constitution to vote at the next election, if remaining such resident, shall be entered in the computer.

This notice is given as provided for in Section 168.644 of the Michigan Election Laws as amended.

Linda R. Choate, CMC
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GM plant gives blood, \$34,000, to Katrina victims

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Individuals in the Romulus area are doing a lot to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, but companies are stepping in to lend support as well.

Employees at the GM Powertrain Romulus Engine Plant and United Auto Workers Local 163 have to date donated 68 pints of blood and more than \$17,500 to flood victims. The cash portion of the donation will be matched by the General Motors Foundation, which means more than \$35,000 will be donated to the American Red Cross on

behalf of plant employees.

Rick Sutton, the plant manager of the Romulus Engine Plant, said the company gives, "many thanks to all of our employees for their generous contributions to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. GM Powertrain Romulus Engine employees have a longstanding tradition of helping to make a positive impact on people's lives."

Nationwide, GM and its subsidiaries have coordinated efforts at each of its facilities to help Red Cross ongoing relief efforts. Those efforts are expected to yield about \$3 million to help the storm-ravaged areas of Alabama,

Mississippi and Louisiana.

The automaker donated 200 vehicles to the Red Cross and other relief agencies. Those vehicles were equipped with the Onstar communications system, to help workers better coordinate emergency plans. Some workers are volunteering in the flood area.

Plant spokeswoman Theresa Endicott said the relief efforts at the Romulus Facility began shortly after the hurricane made land-fall on Aug. 27.

"We really started to get organized about two weeks ago, and we've kept going up until recently," she said. "Many of the people

at the plant really wanted to do something to help. The blood drive was one of the things that was scheduled immediately because we knew that would be needed."

Hurricane Katrina has devastated the Gulf Coast of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, but the most severe damage appears to be in New Orleans. So far, the death toll in the region has reached more than 1,000, according to the Louisiana Department of Health and Human Services.

The hurricane is the latest of several charitable initiatives jointly organized by General Motors and the UAW in Romulus.

A United Way Drive, and American Cancer Society fundraiser and many youth programs with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), a Christmas Toy Drive in conjunction with the U.S. Marine Corps are some examples of joint activities, Endicott said.

"The individuals suffered by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina have a long journey ahead of them," said Bob Crumley, the UAW Local 163 Shop Chairman. "We hope that these donations in some small way can lighten their burden and accelerate the recovery process."

State secures water, infrastructure loans

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The downriver communities served by the Wyandotte Wastewater Treatment facility received good news from the Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The legislature approved \$4.6 million in funds for various upgrades to setting tanks at the facility.

The facility serves the communities of Allen Park, Riverview, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor and Wyandotte. Communities with specific projects that relate to the facility will be able to apply for loans to fix infrastructure problems related to water treatment in their communities, said State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor).

"At a time when local officials are struggling to find the resources to make essential improvements, these loans will provide our communities with the facility upgrades necessary to avoid property damage and provide residents safe, clean water," said Basham.

Communities under the auspices of the Wyandotte facility will be able to apply for funds to assist them in projects by contacting MDEQ officials, Basham said. Older communities like the

ones that make up the downriver area are most in need of the funds, he said. For the past several years, downriver communities have put up with flooding basements and other problems because the aged equipment is insufficient.

"Obviously, the older the infrastructure is, the more likely it is that repairs will need to be made," he said. "But these communities are not always able to take care of those things because of the (slow) economy and budget constraints. Hopefully this is part of the solution."

The funds represent the first piece of what is expected to be nearly \$98 million in facility improvements planned for completion by 2020. The upgrades are needed to stop basement backups and sewer overflow problems. The state is offering the loans at 1.58 percent interest rate.

"The really significant advantage of these loans, for our community, is they're well below market interest rate," said Basham.

"The loans will help minimize the costs to consumers while still ensuring public safety and guarding against personal property loss."

Casino- More than one could rise

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more casinos could come to Romulus, but I'm not sure the state would allow it, because they feel it may create too much competition for Detroit," Keyes said. "We would just be happy to get one. And if you think about it, a casino site would be about 40 acres, and with the racetrack, one would be more than enough. To look for more than one at this point would be premature, to say the least."

Gaming is likely to become one of the biggest businesses in Romulus, which is primarily known as the harbinger of two automotive assembly plants and the home of Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Mayor Alan Lambert has estimated that casino revenues

could bring to the city an additional \$10 million per year, depending on the final agreement.

A casino and horseracing racetrack could be constructed near each other on a parcel of land on Vining Road near Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Romulus voters overwhelmingly approved a ballot initiative that paved the way for gaming in the city in December 2003. That approval allowed city officials to pursue gaming entities.

A casino would have to apply - and be approved - for a license with the Michigan Gaming Control Board before it could open. The gaming license for Michigan Downs - the racetrack that will be constructed by Magna Entertainment - was approved in May.



Helping hearts

Some children with big hearts took on the task of raising money for those impacted by Hurricane Katrina down south. Here, students from Merriman Elementary hold hearts they sold for a quarter each to raise money for the victims. The heart sale is one of a few initiatives the district is spearheading to help those displaced by the hurricane - Romulus Elementary is sponsoring a family, Romulus Middle School collected donations, and the Romulus Transportation Department offered backpacks. Here (left to right) Chance Armstrong, Jennifer Workman, Principal Shellie Moore, Amy Best, Eric Trout, Laura Chestnut and Joslyn Booth show off the hearts. All of the money generated from the heart sale will be donated to the American Red Cross, and the hearts will displayed on the walls of the school.

Chief - Collapse upsets many public safety workers

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bureau.

Fire Chief Dave Allison will oversee the fire department, Leacher said.

The atmosphere at the police station when paramedics transported Kirby to the hospital can best be described as surreal, Leacher said.

"I think everyone was just in shock after it happened," he said. "There were a lot of officers who were visibly upset after it happened. Even though we know

(Kirby) has recovered, there are still some concerns about his welfare."

It is not known how long Kirby will be out on sick leave.

"If he had his own way, he would have been back yesterday," he said. "But we're trying to give him some time off. I don't think any one wants him to push it."

The chief's collapse came at the end of what has been an unusually busy time for the department. For the past five weeks, the public safety department took on a round-the-clock

investigation of the chemical fire that destroyed the EQ Resource Recovery Facility in August, in addition to the regular activities of the department.

Kirby joined the City of Romulus 10 years ago as public safety director after retiring from the Ypsilanti Police Department in 1996. He left that department as the second-in-command after 26 years of service. His career in law enforcement began in 1969, when he was hired by the Eastern Michigan University Public Safety Department.

Forum - Candidates will speak informally to public

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of charge to all residents, and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served, LaBelle said.

The forum is informally structured and will not have a moderator. All candidates will be able to mingle with residents, answer questions and provide campaign literature.

"We wanted this to be a comfortable atmosphere for all of the candidates and attendees,"

LaBelle said. "We didn't want this to be a formal situation or a debate. It's just a chance for candidates to pass out information on themselves and other issues, and meet people."

This year, the field of candidates is largest than typical for the city. Sixteen candidates are seeking seven open city council seats, three are vying for the position of treasurer, and two are campaigning for the mayor's office. So far, all but one candi-

date has confirmed their attendance. One of the hopefuls will be out of town.

The general election is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 8. City Clerk Linda Choate said the deadline to register to vote in the election is Oct. 10. Residents may register at any Secretary of State Office or at city hall, located at 11111 Wayne Road.

For more information about the candidates' forum, call (734) 326-4290.

OBITUARIES

WENDLAND, Jacob

Jacob Conrad Wendland, 29, of Romulus, died Sept. 13.

Among his survivors are his parents, Gerald B. and Irene F. (Esch) Wendland of Romulus; brothers, Ronald Michael Wendland of Romulus and Gregory Blake Wendland of Taylor; a niece Shianne Lynn; nephews, Steven and Devon; and aunt; two uncles; his fiancée, Angela Marie Cluckey, and a child due next spring.

Mr. Wendland was a member of the Romulus High School class of 1994.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

JOHNSON, Bill

Bill Johnson, 72, of Romulus, died Aug. 26.

Among his survivors are his daughters, Deborah Yoh and Sheila Noble; a sister, Gladys Gates; brothers, Randy, Sam, Henry, Jerry, Lee and Tim Johnson, and grandchildren, Crystal Joseph and Misty Shafer, Ryan Yoh and Chelsea Cagle.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Fred Weaver officiating.

Interment was at Highland Cemetery in Ypsilanti.

ELDEN, Lawrence

Lawrence Elden, 67, of Dearborn, formerly of Belleville, died Aug. 30.

Among his survivors are his wife, Sarah D. "Sally" (Smith) Elden; children, Paul Elden of Gibraltar, Laura (Keith) Cifor of Willis, Tim (Shelly) Elden of Belleville and Joan Hurlin of Willis; step-children, Richard (Ilene) Honiss of Canton Township, Susan (Donald) Hayward of Macomb Township and Randall (Jamie) Honiss of Maryland; siblings Henry Elden of St. Clair Shores, Joseph (Delphine) Elden of Onstead and Rosalie (Barry) Abraham of Tennessee, and 13 grandchildren.

Mr. Elden was employed by

Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn for more than 20 years and worked at Yazaki for five years prior to his retirement.

A funeral mass was celebrated by Father Leo Sabourin at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Detroit where Mr. Elden was a member.

Interment of cremains will be in Hillside Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

DAILEY, Clara

Clara Marie Dailey, 78, of Romulus, died Aug. 29.

Among her survivors are her daughter, Starr (Dan) Dailey-Bennett; grandchildren, Jazmine and Derek Bennett, and sisters, Joyce (Kern) McMahon of Troy and Dolores (Raymond) Weil of Indiana.

Mrs. Dailey retired from General Motors Hydromatic Plant in 1982 after 30 years of employment.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. William Kren of Community United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park.

BREAZEALE, Hardy

Hardy Monroe Breazeale, 75, of Belaire, formerly of Belleville, died Aug. 25.

Among his survivors are his wife of more than 50 years, Joan B. (Kaske) Breazeale; children, Kim (Keith) Gattis of Belleville, Susan (Phil) Scheel of Arizona, Laurence Breazeale and John Breazeale, both of Ypsilanti; a brother, Don (Mary Jo) Breazeale; grandchildren Lindsay and Matthew Dietrich and Breanne Hewer, and great-granddaughter, Taylor Renee Hewer.

Mr. Breazeale served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He was employed with United Parcel Service for many years.

Memorial services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Robert J. White officiating.

Interment of cremains was at Hillside Cemetery.

COLE, Katherine

Katherine Marlene "Molly" Cole, 62, of Canton Township, formerly of Belleville, died Aug. 27.

Among her survivors are her husband of 44 years, Thomas Wayne Cole; children, Patricia Lynn Cole of Canton, Stephan Wayne Cole of Warren and Rebecca Ann (James) Brannon, also of Canton; siblings, Barbara Jean Elliot, Lois Phillips, Ray (Donna) Dew, all of Tennessee and John (Rose) Dew of Westland; five granddaughters, Cheri, Shelbi, Tiffani, Megan and Sara, and a great-grandson, Conner.

Mrs. Cole was a member of Ypsilanti Baptist Temple.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Clay officiating.

Interment was at Sunset Cemetery in Tennessee.

JENEROU, Ida M.

Ida M. (Caron) Jenerou, 87, of Belleville, formerly of Manistique, died Aug. 30.

Among her survivors are her daughters, Gloria Dougherty of Belleville and Elaine (Donald) Pecor of Florida; sons, Kenneth Caron, Leonard Caron of Belleville, William (Linda) Caron of Florida, Glen (Eva) Caron of Gwinn and Douglas (Judy) Caron of Clinton; 23 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; sisters, Rose Bow of New York and Loretta Nichols of New Jersey, and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Jenerou was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville and the St. Francis de Sales Church in Manistique.

Funeral services were at the Messier-Broullire Funeral Home in Manistique with Deacon Gilbert Sablack officiating.

Interment was at Fairview Cemetery in Manistique.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

PETRASKA, Helen

Helen Mae Petraska, 93, a life-long resident of Romulus, died Aug. 31.

Among her survivors are her

grandchildren, Jeffrey (Jayne) Petraska of New Boston and Kay (Ken) Kaszubowski, of Romulus; four great-grandchildren, Nicole, Emily, Nicholas and William and a great-great-grandson, Jacob.

Mrs. Petraska was the former owner of Bill's Shell Service in Romulus.

Funeral Services were at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Taylor where Mrs. Petraska was a member, with the Rev. Dr. Geoffrey G. Drutchas officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

BOLTRICK, Walter

Walter William Boltrick, 86, of Van Buren Township, died Sept. 9.

Among his survivors are his wife of nearly 59 years, Alice I. (Goodsight) Boltrick; children, Bill (Nancy) Boltrick of Belleville and Beth (Michael) Sollner of Interlochen, and four grandchildren, Allison, Stephanie and Amanda Boltrick and Tyler Sommers.

Mr. Boltrick served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a staff sergeant and as a Russian interpreter. He was a past president of the Dearborn Heights Rotary Club and a life-long member of the VFW. Mr. Boltrick was a founding member of the Dearborn Heights Building Commission and Beatification Board.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Mr. Boltrick donated his body to the University of Michigan for medical research.

Arrangements were entrusted to the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville.

DUCHIN, Alex

Alex Duchin, 81, a 30-year resident of Romulus, died Sept. 9.

Among his survivors are his wife of more than 60 years, Betty L. (Criche) Duchin; his children, Sandra (John) Moe of Alabama; Michael Duchin of Romulus and Deborah (Mark) Wilutis of Brighton; a brother, William (Stella) Duchin of Dearborn; a

sister-in-law, Ruth Criche of Howell; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Duchin, who served in the U.S. Navy, retired from General Motors in 1988. He was a member of the Moose and UAW.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with Father Thomas H. Cusick officiating.

Interment was at Lake View Cemetery in Howell.

FLEMING, Robert

Robert H. Fleming, Sr., 95, of Romulus, died Aug. 30.

Among his survivors are his children, Robert (Joanne) Fleming of Ohio and Ruth Ann (William) Hartman of Pennsylvania; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Fleming retired from the Kelsey-Hayes Corp.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. William Kren of Community United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was at West Newton Cemetery in West Newton, PA.

MOORE, Linda

Linda Lucinda "Cindy" Moore, 75, of Ypsilanti, formerly of Willis, died Sept. 15.

Among her survivors are her children, Brenda (Gray) Jarvis of Milan, Linda (Keith Mathis) Lewis of Ypsilanti and Debra (Guy) Moore-Hilden of Belleville; a sister, Avis (Lewis) Childers of Kentucky; a brother, John Freeman (Jean) Brown, also of Kentucky; grandchildren, Leah, (Mike) Jarvis-Brookwaller, Crystal (Merlyn) Lewis, Kimberley Lewis, Joshua (Karen) Hilden and Christopher (Erin) Hilden, and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Moore was a member of the Belleville Moose Lodge 934 and the Ypsilanti Eagles Aerie 2250. She retired from the Rawsonville Ford Motor Co. Plant after 30 years of service.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home with the Rev. Jerry Lawson officiating.

Interment was at Union-Udell Cemetery in Ypsilanti.



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OPINION

Our congratulations

The Plymouth Fall Festival Board recently closed the books on another successful Fall Festival.

And what a year it was, too. With perfect weather, new and improved events and an experienced crew of volunteers overseeing it, the Fall Festival will have a substantially improved bottom line.

Despite increased costs, the festival brought in about three times the revenue that it did last year, making it an increasingly solvent event.

One of the people most responsible for that is also the kind of person who would be the last to take credit for it: Mark Baldwin, president of the Fall Festival Board.

Baldwin will turn over the reins next year, after spending five years heading the festival committee, dealing with the various issues and complications that come along with bringing several thousand people to a confined area during the course of a busy weekend.

During his tenure, he strove to operate the festival more like a business, concentrating on the bottom line. To some that may seem like a hard line approach, but it was the only way to ensure the festival will continue in the future. He brought in new events, like the Fall Festival Taste Fest, which proved this year to be more popular, and profitable, than ever.

He and the board tweaked others, making them more successful, and ensured that the festival would have enough different things to attract people of all ages.

It certainly showed, with crowded streets and plenty of smiles. If we tried to congratulate everyone involved in making the festival such a success, we'd probably run out of ink and space. Baldwin, though, deserves a special tribute for taking on the role for another year, ensuring it ran smoothly, and giving his successor a solid foundation to build on.

Thanks again, Mark. You've certainly earned your rest.

Good intentions, wrong decision

Shortly before Wayne City Council members voted to purchase a vacant home on three plots of land, Mayor Al Haidous said it was not a bad decision, and the city did not pay too much for the land.

We disagree. This is a short-term solution that could have a long-reaching impact on the city for a number of reasons.

For those that don't know, this three-lot parcel is just east of the new police station, and it's adjacent to land the city already owns south of Michigan Avenue. But the home is in terrible shape, having been vacant for as many as 10 years, and the lots themselves are overgrown. The city intends to tear it down and hold it with the other vacant lots for future development.

Granted, nobody is out there creating new land and it's necessary to assemble smaller parcels to make a large enough plot to be attractive to developers – or usable for the city. Even so, was the land worth \$119,600?

Probably not. In addition to paying for the land, the city will also bear the expense of the demolition on the property and, since bids for other nearby demolition projects topped \$6,000, that's a good place to start.

But the main problem with apparently paying too much for one parcel comes back to a basic, though sad, human trait: greed. If the city wants to continue to assemble land in that area, they will have to overcome the precedent they set here. If they are willing to overpay one property owner, won't they have to overpay every property owner?

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My 'Jerry Maguire' moment

Well, this is a weird one, folks. This is where I publicly acknowledge my dissatisfaction with some aspects of our newspapers. Those who know me personally will probably tell you that on many levels I'm never satisfied, but this is the first time I've ever publicly called myself out.

When the courts returned what had become Michigan Community Newspapers to us about three years ago, I made a lot of promises to a lot of different people.

I promised the people in communities like Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Belleville and Romulus that we'd provide better coverage than they'd seen in the past. I promised people in Canton, Northville and Plymouth that I wouldn't forget about them; the coverage would stay at the same level.

Have we made progress? Absolutely. There was a shadow we had to throw off; a shadow cast by people who didn't have the same journalistic integrity as we did. The reputation of those papers had been tarnished, and I was determined to bring them back to respectability, if not greatness. It took me longer than I thought it would just to realize that the shadow was larger and darker than I had imagined, but we've toiled away; my per-

sonal goal was one of constant self-improvement.

I know we're better, now. But am I satisfied? Nah.

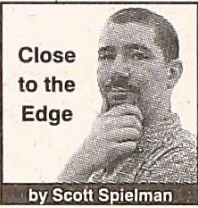
I want the same kind of thing most readers want: more community specific stories, features and opinions. I want every issue to be a good, relevant read no matter if your hometown paper is *The Northville Journal* or the *Belleville Enterprise*. It's a tall order. It's tough for anyone to be everywhere they need to be.

I realized recently that I had fallen victim to something my journalism professors – more than 10 years ago and on the other side of the country – had warned me about. I'd fallen into a rut; I was calling the same people, going to the same meetings, taking diligent notes and then churning them out. Maybe I would have the time to pay some attention to the language, approach things with a creative flair but, by and large, I was phoning it in.

I was even using more clichés (see above sentence).

Well, if you're reading this in print you know that we've recently changed the look of our front page.

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Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

The sour smell of serious stupidity

Being the silent observer and sometimes-stationary figure in the cheap seats at high school games, I'm used to hearing, seeing and occasionally smelling things I normally wouldn't in the regular stands.

I hear disgruntled parents yelling at referees and other players and sometimes their own sons or daughters. I hear coaches on the sidelines make crude comments about the opposition. I overhear cheerleaders talking about what they're doing after the games. I hear the crowds chant, boo and cheer—sometimes with profanity, almost most often without. I catch the announcer as he says the ball is on the 23-yard line when it's really on the 28.

Simple things. I see the extra shove at the end of a play and the ball go out of bounds off the hand of a home player as the referee calls it out on the visiting team. I watch a perfectly blocked shot called a foul and a blatant foul go unnoticed. I notice where there should be a facemask penalty called when there isn't one.

Nothing serious, but it's all there. Some might say that journalists have a heightened sense of observation. It's like having a superpower of sorts or like a ninja's sixth sense. OK, so maybe it's just me who thinks that. Seeing and hearing? Absolutely. But smelling?

Oh you'd be surprised, dear readers. Let me tell you, no matter what sport or time of the year, nasal disturbances run afoul at sporting events.

Just this past weekend, while I was walking through the parking lot at Canton High School to cover the homecoming football game, I noticed an unmistakable smell.

Not more than 100 yards from the ticket booth—where throngs of innocent naive high school students waited to enter the stadium and kick off their going-back-to-school homecoming right—a man of unknown age walked by me reeking of beer.

Heightened senses or not, the smell of beer was on the man (and mister, you know who you are).

It wasn't a case of mistaken identity. I didn't ponder the thought that maybe it was coffee of hot chocolate that wafted up to my nose and I secretly craved an alcoholic beverage, causing the smell. Nope, this was undoubtedly beer, all right. And it was in such a large quantity that if my own senses were working properly I might have been able to tell you what kind.

My first thought was how disgusting it was. I can see tipping a few back (if you're 21) while tailgating at a Lions, Tigers, Red Wings, Uof M or even a

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From the cheap seats

by Jeff Novak

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Drink

FROM PAGE 5

Plymouth Whaler game, but drinking at a high school football game?

I know football is serious business in Canton and Wayne, but... come on, man.

Homecoming or not, that, to me, is terribly wrong. A high school event is supposed to provide a safe fun place for students to enjoy the camaraderie of their friends and schoolmates.

This guy could have been a student, parent, alumni or just some person wandering by. He may or may not have been a Canton resident at all. He could have been from Wayne or an out of town guest from Watersmeet. Who knows and who cares? It doesn't matter who or what he was. Walking into a school-sanctioned event on school grounds boozed up is unacceptable.

Hopefully school officials and local authorities take note when

big games come around and tailgating is probable.

Even if the guy was old enough to drink, shame on him. That means he should be old enough to be a role model for those younger than him. And, besides, save it for after the game.

If he wasn't old enough to drink...well, shame on him, too.

I know drinking sounds like fun, and even more so because you're not supposed to be doing it. But it's overrated and the fun wears off pretty quick. And the good times 'rock' only if you can remember them the next day. More importantly...it's NOT cool. Believe me, through years of experience, I know.

So, drinker beware: if even I, in the cheap seats could smell it, chances are others probably did, too. You should be embarrassed. And remember...he who sits in the cheap seats may not know all, but he sees all, hears all and, yes, (unfortunately) smells all. I'm tellin ya, it's like a Jedi sense.

Land

FROM PAGE 5

What's to stop residents in that small area – those that have actually maintained their land throughout the years – to up their asking price? Won't they want the city to pay the commission to the real estate agent, too? It accounted for \$4,600 in this case.

The grand scheme for Morris Street may prove to be an expensive one, indeed.

Timing is also an issue, here. The city paid well above market value for land adjacent to the new fire station, but that was because they had no choice. There is nothing imminent planned for this site.

The sale took place literally days before the property was scheduled for a hearing under the Dangerous and Blighted Building ordinance, too, a process that ultimately could have given the city the right to

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demolish the land and then charge the landowner for it. Surely the sale could have waited until the outcome of that was known; even if the property owner requested an appeal, it would have only pushed the issue back a few months.

The city has taken great strides with that particular ordinance, their newest tool in the fight against blight. We're also afraid that this purchase could hinder those efforts in the future. There's another perception that the city will have to overcome, that they will bail out recalcitrant property owners at the last minute, overpaying for their

property and effectively rewarding them for vexing their neighbors.

The only thing the city gained here is a guarantee that nothing will be built on the site that they don't agree with. They eliminated the possibility that the property owner would fix up the home or replace it after this one was torn down and then remain a thorn in their scheme for future development.

That's a reasonable argument, but for an unlikely scenario. It's more likely that the home was too expensive to fix or replace and there is no way a private homeowner could recoup those costs.

City officials also defended the purchase with platitudes like good intentions, saying they're always looking for something better for the residents. We won't argue with that; it's clear that everyone on the council and in the administration has the best interests of the city in mind.

We're just not sure if they made the right decision, this time.

Send us your letters

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Moment

FROM PAGE 5

There's a lot more color, more art, more information on page one. It's designed to attract more attention, draw more readers to the inside of the paper – essentially to give people a better idea of what's inside. It's designed to attract new readers, reach out to a broader base – insert your marketing cliché here.

For me, though, it's more than that. It's personal. It's the first phase in what people in my generation would call 'a do-over.' I've pledged to myself to do my job better; try to put out the kind of papers that I expect and you deserve.

To do that, though, I need your help. I want feedback, both on the new look of the paper and on the content. Drop us a line – the addresses are to the left of the mast head at the top of the page, or send me a line at editor@jour-

nalgrou .com. If it's OK to print, let me know.

I'm not just looking for platitudes or accolades, either. I want real feedback. I can take criticism. I think it's necessary in fact, because only by listening to criticism can we make ourselves better.

Don't be shy. You don't even have to be polite (I'm used to that, too), but please keep it clean.

Let me know what you think so we can move forward.

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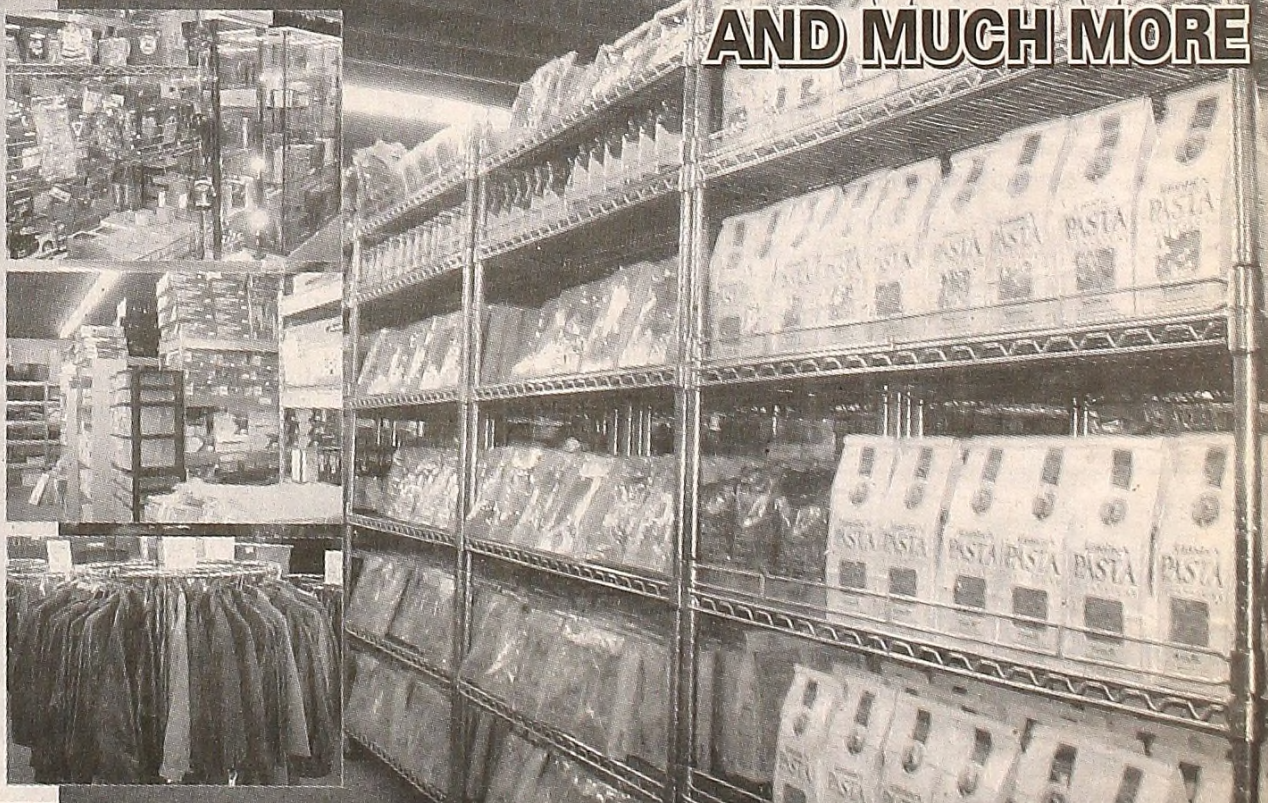
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Belleville Centennial Harvest Fest starts next week

Andrea King
Staff Writer

There's only one more week until the largest crop in Belleville—the Centennial Harvest Fest—is ripe and ready to go.

The event organizers—the Fred C. Fischer Library and the Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society—along with the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, the Business and Professional Women (BPW), the Central Business Community (CBC) and area businesses will host the festival all day

Oct. 8. This year, the festival will include a parade, free demonstrations and activities, a farmer's market, entertainment by Fiddlers ReStrung and other ongoing daily and centennial events.

"It's a great time for everyone and even if the weather is bad, we move it indoors," said Debra Green, library director and Harvest Fest committee member. "I'm looking forward to the food, new musical entertainment and seeing all the kids doing the activities and having a good time."

Located on Fourth Street at the museum and the library in downtown Belleville, the festival will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Members of the Friends of the Library and the Museum Historical Society start-

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Debra Green

ed the event in 2001. The now-annual fall event will highlight the history of the city this year, with an antique parade, a park dedication, a centennial dinner and a play.

The centennial parade will take place at 10 a.m. on Main Street, showcasing antique buggies, bands, farm equipment, fire trucks and tractors. The grand marshal will be long-time resident Midge Artley, who will ride in a horse drawn carriage.

The festival will also feature old-time favorite demonstrations and hands-on activities including: a petting farm, candle dipping, butter churning, Indian corn jewelry, apple peeling, face painting, a petting farm, wood carving, make and take crafts, lace making, corn shelling, felt making, quilting, spinning and pony rides. The events will take place both outside the library and the museum.

Children can also participate in a nickel dig from 1-2 p.m., a pie eating con-

test from 2-3 p.m. and a scavenger hunt on the lawn of the historical museum. Various prizes and toys will be awarded as well.

"With the handouts, toys and trinkets, it really is a fun event," said Green.

Both the CBC and the BPW will serve homemade soup, chili, hotdogs, chips, drinks and desserts for visitors.

As part of the 100th anniversary, there will be a brick dedication at 11 a.m., the Doane's Landing Park dedication at 3 p.m., a centennial dinner and celebra-

tion. Tickets are \$15 for the centennial dinner. It will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, the first church to be built in Belleville.

"The dinner will have music, food and recognition of the community," said Diane Wilson, director of the museum. "It's really a tri-community event we're celebrating, so I'm really looking forward to the awards and recognition of the long-

time residents and families of the pioneer days. It's putting our history out in the forefront."

The play—"1900-1905: A Musical Newscast"—will follow at 7 p.m. at the church. Director Jane Millett said viewers will get to see familiar faces wearing a new hat.

"We wanted to provoke an interest in that time period. There are definitely some highlights, but people will be mostly be surprised at seeing the actors in a new light," she said. "We expect about 200-300 people at the dinner and if they all come to the play, that would be wonderful."

The cast of the musical tribute to both American and Belleville history include: Janet Millard as the Actress, Randy Brown as the Actor, Beth Covington as the Ingénue, Linda Luke as the Narrator, Faith Banks and Claudia Roullier as the Singers, Brian Long as the Musical Director and performances by The My Three Friends Barbershop quartet.

"I'm hoping that people enjoy what we've put together. We've worked really hard," said Millett.

The play is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information about this years Centennial Harvest Fest, contact the library at 734-699-3291 or the museum at 734-697-1944.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 20, 2005

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Payne, Trustee Hart, Trustee Herman and Trustee Jahr. Absent and excused: Trustee Rochowiak. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Public Safety Director Champagne, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Environmental Director Swallow, Deputy Director Smolen, Lieutenant Brooks, Secretary Cline and an audience of nine (9).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of September 6, 2005 as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2005 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor King, Director Champagne, Deputy Director Smolen, Lieutenant Brooks, Fire Fighters McNally, Besson, Osborne, Stoddard and Champagne presented resident Robert Smith with a letter of appreciation and a Live Saving Award for his assistance in the rescue of an eighty-two year old resident of a nearby residential care facility who had been missing for several days.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, sponsored by the Environmental Quality Company will be held on Saturday, October 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Quality Company parking lot located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive for Van Buren Township residents to dispose of hazardous waste in an environmentally safe manner.

On Saturday, October 1st the Van Buren Public Schools is hosting a parent involvement No Child Left Behind Expo from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Belleville High School.

Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Downriver Community Conference located at 15100 Northline Road in Southgate.

The Huron River Watershed Council will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, September 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Flat Rock Community Center to receive public input on planning how to manage the Lower Huron River Watershed.

A letter from the Canton Director of Public Safety to Director Champagne thanking the Van Buren Police Department for their assistance.

A letter from the City of Romulus Department of Public Safety to Deputy Director Smolen thanking the Van Buren Fire Department for their assistance.

A thank you letter from a resident to the Lieutenant Brooks and Deputy Director Smolen for their assistance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2005-28 the storm water management system maintenance and repair agreement between the Township and the Downtown Development Authority and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried. Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Middle Huron Cooperative Agreement for Reduction of Phosphorous Loading to the Middle Huron River Watershed and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Agreement. Carried.

Payne moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2005-29 the Tax Levy. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the 2006 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Municipal Credit Contract and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Contract. Carried.

Jahr moved, Payne seconded to approve the revised agreement for water service at 12872 Hannan Road and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the September 20, 2005 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the August 2005 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Payne thanked the City of Dearborn Police Department, Van Buren Police Department and township maintenance staff for their assistance in recovering a headstone that was taken from one of the township's cemeteries.

Tax bills must be received in the Treasurer's Office by Thursday, September 30th.

Director Ross thanked all the senior citizens who participated in the First Annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics that was hosted by Van Buren Township.

The Recreation Department is offering the following programs and events. The "Not So Scary Haunted Forest" will be held on Saturday, October 1st from 5:00 p.m. until dusk at Van Buren Park. The "Haunted Forest" will be held Friday and Saturday nights during the month of October beginning on October 8th from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Van Buren Park. For further information on programs and events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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Move of barn delayed by stormy weather

Scott Spielman
Editor

As Hurricane Rita stretched her broad fingers northward last week, the potential for severe weather delayed a historic journey.

The proposed relocation of a historic barn from Sheldon Road to Thayer Corners Park in Northville Township was put off a week, according to Township Trustee Marv Gans, who is overseeing the effort.

"It's just one of those things," he said. "We don't have any control over it."

The decision came from DTE

Energy because the company didn't want to have work crews committed if severe weather hit the Detroit metro area.

"They didn't want to take any chances," Gans said.

Everything else was still a go, he said, and the decision to put off the move for a week caused Gans a few hectic days of phone calls, informing representatives from Comcast, Wide Open West, the township police department, Wayne County and the residents along the route, that the move would not take place as scheduled.

"It's pretty complicated," Gans said.

The historic barn is on Sheldon Road, north of Five Mile Road. It was donated to the township by the Ravines Homeowners Association, along with \$10,000 to help cover the costs of moving the structure to Six Mile and Napier roads, where Thayer Corners Park will eventually be developed. The homeowners association would have otherwise torn down the barn, which is more than 100 years old.

Gans has secured more than \$212,000 in donations, either cash or in-kind services to help pay for the relocation of the barn. The township has authorized about

\$62,000 to cover the remainder of the costs, but Gans said he's hoping to bring in enough donations to ensure the township won't have to spend any money. That figure is down to about \$45,000, he said.

"We're still under budget and making progress," he said.

Weather permitting, the barn will be moved this Saturday,

beginning at 8 a.m. when the traffic signal at Six Mile and Sheldon roads will be disconnected. The route will take the barn from Sheldon to Six Mile Road, down Six Mile to Napier Road and then north to its eventual destination.

"Everything will be pretty much the same," Gans said of the schedule.

Cleaning up

Youth group washes cars to fund fountain

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

Members of the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission recently washed a lot of cars to raise money to bring back a downtown landmark.

On Sunday, Sept. 18th, the group hosted a car wash at the Main Street Car wash to raise more funds to replace the recently dubbed "Fountain of Youth" in Kellogg Park.

The fundraiser took place with cooperation from City Commissioner Phil Pursell, who

owns the car wash. All the proceeds from the event were donated to help fund the new fountain.

Commissioner Michele Potter, who serves as a spokesperson for the youth group, said the youths made a little more than \$1,300 washing cars. Coupled with other funds the group has raised, the youth commission has generated about \$3,000 to go toward the new structure.

The group has already taken steps to ensure residents that the fountain will return to Kellogg Park.

Group members organized a

contest that called for Plymouth youths to come up with a design for the new fountain. The winning entry came from 11-year-old Marina Zabowski of Canton Township, a sixth-grader at Pioneer Middle School.

The youngster's design is comparable to the fountain that was previously donated to the city by Calvin and Charlotte Perry and dedicated in May 1998.

Zabowski received \$50 in Plymouth Chamber of Commerce gift certificates for her winning entry.

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Golden years

The first annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics ended successfully last week with more than 160 participants from 16 different communities and a whole lot of medals. City of Northville seniors were the top winner with 73 medals. Other award-winning communities include: Van Buren Township with 42 medals, Sumpter Township with five medals, Belleville with 14 medals, Canton with 14 medals, Inkster with nine medals, Northville Township with two medals, Plymouth with 15 medals, Plymouth Township with five medals, Wayne with two medals and Westland with 12 medals. Katherine McCraight of Westland, Eileen James of Westland and Kay Heard of Garden City proudly display their medals during the awards banquet. The host community—Van Buren Township—will now pass the torch over to the City of Northville where the Olympics will take place next year.

State to tighten vehicle title transfer regulations

Scott Spielman
Editor

If you buy a car from or sell one to another person, you may soon have to car-pool with them to the nearest secretary of state office.

The State of Michigan is on the cusp of enacting new laws that relate to the way abandoned vehicles are processed with new rules designed to keep better track of how vehicle ownership is transferred.

The new rules go into effect on Oct. 1, according to Lt. Tom Miller of the Wayne Police Department.

Under the new rules, those who buy or sell cars from other individuals have to either travel with that person to the secretary of state office to ensure the title is properly transferred or keep information such as the date of sale and amount of sale on hands for 18 months.

The change is designed to ensure that someone doesn't use the vehicle in a crime without transferring the title, Miller said.

It also makes sure that the owner of any abandoned vehicles can be tracked down more quickly, he said.

"If you're the last registered owner of a vehicle and it gets towed, you can be served," he said.

The last registered owner of the vehicle is responsible for any towing and storage fees, as well as an additional \$40 charge the state places on them to fund the pro-

gram, he said.

They also won't be able to retrieve anything from the car, if it is registered as abandoned and towed away, he said.

"If it's in the car, it stays in the car and it becomes part of the auction price," Miller said. "You can't get any of that stuff out."

Vehicles can be registered as abandoned if they are left on public property for 48 hours. That deadline drops to 18 hours if it's on a state trunk-line, according to Miller, unless the license plate has been removed.

"If it's non-plated, it can be removed immediately," he said.

When the new rules go into effect, the secretary of state office will take over from there, he said. They'll send out all paperwork to the last registered owner, giving them 20 days to reclaim the car. If the issue isn't handled, the towing company must auction off the car and then report back to the police department so they can remove it from their lists.

"It basically takes us out of the used car business," Miller said.

Private property owners cannot request to have cars towed unless they have signs posted within easy eyesight of the lot, or at every exit and entrance.

Those postings have to include the name and phone number of the agency that will tow the vehicles and they have to be in place for 24 hours before vehicles can be towed.

Storms knock out local power

Kevin Hill
Staff Writer

Firefighters and Detroit Edison crews were able to contain a fire caused by a lightning strike in the Barchester Park area last Thursday.

Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher said that firefighters responded at about 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 22 and began working to contain the fire, sparked when lightning hit a maple tree near a gas line.

Firefighters shut off the gas to a few area residences before DTE finally closed the main line.

"They contained the fire to the area around the tree," said Rorabacher.

Firefighters left the scene shortly after 9 p.m. No significant damage and no injuries were reported, he said.

The Thursday storms also knocked out power to at least 300 Canton Township residents, and an estimated 1,300 in western Wayne County, according to DTE. Municipal Services Director Tim Fass said that most of the disruptions occurred in the southern edge of the township. Nearby Belleville and Van Buren experienced more widespread power outages, he said.

Residents in the northwest part of Canton were also affected, said Fass. He added that the township has recently been having problems with power outages in that area, even without storms.

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THE SCENE

Corpse Bride

Reviewed By
Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Director finds way to make even death 'cute'

There are just some words that don't belong in the same sentence, and the combination of 'cute' and 'corpse' is near the top of the list.

And yet, *Corpse Bride*, the latest film from director Tim Burton is just that: a cute—and of course, twisted—fairy tale.

Not all fairy tales have the sweet and innocent flair of one that has been Disney-fied. This one certainly doesn't. The action centers on the beautiful Emily, who agreed to elope one evening with the man of her dreams. Dressed in her mother's wedding gown and carrying the family jewels, she waited for her fiancé—only to be robbed, killed, and buried in a shallow grave. (OK, OK...not the stuff of children's stories so far, although you do learn about what happened through an upbeat song by a rowdy skeletal band.)

Years pass, and the townspeople forget about her. Now, they are celebrating another marriage as Victor Van Dort—heir to a fortune thanks to his father's fish mongering—and Victoria Everglot—daughter of a socially prominent family with a perfect pedigree and not a penny to their name—make a marriage of convenience. The painfully shy Victor can't seem to keep his marriage vows straight and finally, the minister sends him away with an admonition to stay out until he knows his part.

Deep in the woods outside of town, Victor practices his lines again...and again...and again. Eventually, he says his vows perfectly and simulates placing the wedding ring on Victoria's finger by sliding the ring onto a twig. It turns out, however, that it wasn't a twig—it was a fleshless finger. He had married the dead woman, who is convinced that her true love has finally found her—too bad he was already attracted to a 'breather'.

In fact, the two women are in many ways simply dark twists on old tales. Sure, Emily is dead and waiting for her true love to save her—obviously not a good candidate for everlasting passion. Then again, it worked for *Snow White* and her infamous glass casket. (No matter what anyone calls it, that's what it was—watch the Disney film again.) But



poor Victoria has no creature comforts and her parents even bar her from developing an 'unladylike' interest in music or dancing. She exists solely as a pawn to be used in her parents' quest for financial solvency. She may not be forced to clean the grates, but otherwise her barren existence mimics that of *Cinderella*—all duty and no fun.

Even deciding whom he should end up with was a tough call—yes, between the corpse and the fiancée. Despite her skeletal hand, fleshless leg, and an eyeball that won't quite stay in her head, Emily is adoring, supportive, shares

many of his interests, and is determined to be a good wife. Victoria, meanwhile, is fond of him, shy, and sweet, but also firmly stuck under her parents' thumbs. (Ironically, she's much less lively than her dead competition.) There are too many heroines—what a dilemma.

As long as you can swallow the basic premise, the film was entertaining—if odd. Despite the rather grim backdrop, the movie itself was funny, romantic, and bordering on naively sweet. Random thoughts did intrude during a few slow points, though. Be prepared to ask questions you've probably never thought of—

and possibly answer them for young children.

For instance, if wedding vows are taken 'until death do you part', do the vows count if you're dead when you take them? Where does one honeymoon in the land of the dead, since Hawaii and Niagara Falls are probably out? Can a living man and a corpse have children? Wouldn't a normal person faint or throw tantrums at the sight of a talking maggot peeking out of their partner's ear—or is this something you can get used to, like an annoying laugh or chronic halitosis?

Despite the admittedly bizarre plotline, the movie was actually quite charming as the bumbling Victor searched for a way he could end up with Victoria—or maybe resign himself to a lifetime and more with the happy, bubbly—but deceased—Emily.

As with all good fairy tales, everyone ultimately lives—or dies—happily ever after. How that works out, though, is a tale for another day.

Created using stop-motion animation, the film features the voices of Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, and Emily Watson. It is rated PG with a running time of 77 minutes.

THE SCENE

On a roll

Cyclists gather to support education

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Don't let the leather attire, dark sunglasses and motorcycles fool you—the group of bikers getting together this weekend are riding for education.

The Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) is teaming up with area motorcyclists to benefit the children of the Van Buren Public School District.

The free event—Ready to Ride Rally—will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the WCCCD western campus, located at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.

“We not only want to benefit the Van Buren school system, but also give back to the entire community,” said April McCray of the WCCCD. “We’re doing it for a purpose and a cause and we heard the motorcyclists are just the ones to help us do that.”

Russ Peabody, a member of the Goldwing Road Riders, will be one of those riders. To him, the first time event is about getting education going for the community.

“It’s something worthwhile because it’s helping the children. My primary goal for this is not only as a motorcyclist, but as a citizen and a grandparent,” he said. “People may be somewhat intimidated to hear the mixture of motorcycles and education, but now, because of some of the motorcycle clubs, the image of motorcyclists is changing.”

“Motorcyclists are normal, giving people. We support each other and give a lot to the community,” said Rick Dawson, a regional director for Star Touring and Riding Motorcycle Club. “Part of our mission is to help out the community and with this we are all working together on motorcycle safety training, education and community service.”

“This is something different to draw in the community,” said Ralph Nodwell, organizer of the



Bikers Rick Dawson from the Star Touring and Riding motorcycle club and Russ Peabody from the Goldwing Road Riders are "ready to ride" Saturday at the rally to generate funds for the Van Buren Public School District.

event. “You always like to associate with winners and they know how to do it.”

The rally will include: a motorcycle safety workshop; a one hour trivia run; displays by the Van Buren Police Department motorcycle team and other local cyclists; a 50/50 raffle and additional prizes and giveaways. The event will also introduce new classes that will be offered at the college.

“We’ll be raffling off three free motorcycle safety classes that can be taken here at WCCCD,” said McCray.

All donations generated from the rally will go toward the purchase of new computers for Edgemont Elementary School.

Currently, the school has one computer in each classroom and only a few in the media room. They hope to generate enough funds—about \$50,000-75,000—to add at least two more in each classroom plus a high-speed Internet access.

But you don’t have to ride a Harley or any other bike to enjoy the rally.

“It’s a community function not just a motorcycle function,” said Dawson. “We invite everyone to attend.”

Annual Plymouth chamber auction set

Jason Carmel Davis
Staff Writer

One of the premier community events is going to help the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce’s new house feel like a home.

Chamber representatives are getting ready for their 16th annual meeting and gala auction. This year the event will take place at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4 at Laurel Manor and be titled, “There’s No Place Like Home.”

The event features an auction, raffles and 50/50 drawing. The night will also consist of an open bar, hors d’oeuvres and a live band. Some of the items that will be auctioned off include tickets to University of Michigan football games and a box at the FOX Theater for the Rockettes, according to Fran Toney, chamber executive director.

This affair will be different from past galas. The chamber has issued invitations to the entire community to an event that will help the group furnish their new office.

“We’re hoping that the community comes out,” Toney said. “It’s really a great event. I started this event right after I got here, and it gets better every year.”

Until the group is able to move into its space at 852 Ann Arbor Trail, the chamber offices will temporarily be located at 990 Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 208 in the

McCauley Health building.

“The auction is right around the time we’ll be moving into our new office,” Toney said. “We haven’t even unpacked a lot of the boxes we have, and that makes things hard to find for us.”

Chamber representatives are asking that tickets be purchased by Wednesday, Oct. 26. They can be purchased by mail, fax, or in person at the temporary location.

Tickets for the event are \$75 for individual tickets, which includes dinner, dancing, and an open bar; \$375 for VIP reservations for two, and \$975 for a reserved table for 10. Cash donations, products and services are welcome for the auction, as well.

For more information, or to

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SPORTS

Canton blows by Wayne, 55-6

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It wasn't in the forecast so no one anticipated the storm that would blow through Canton, leaving Wayne Memorial in shambles last Friday night.

Canton tore across their home field, surging to a 55-6 victory.

It was actually a beautiful night for football but the foreboding storm front had been brewing for the last three weeks.

Before Wayne set foot on Canton's artificial turf, the Chiefs had struggled in a win against Walled Lake Central and suffered two consecutive losses to Walled Lake Western and undefeated Livonia Franklin.

But their biggest loss was that of their starting senior quarterback, Shawn Little, after their week-one victory against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Little missed the three games with a ruptured esophagus, which required surgery.

Friday night was homecoming for Canton alumni but also for Little as he returned to the

huddle.

"Words can't even describe how I feel," Little said after the game. "A lot of the guys kept telling me that they wanted me back for my leadership and that first play of the game I just smiled at those guys and said, 'let's go.'"

"This was probably one of the biggest games for me," he added. "It taught me not to take anything for granted—in a split second you could be out for the rest of your career."

With Little back in the lineup, Canton was a different team. He was the lightning that fueled them to a win. His stats weren't great, 3-for-5 for 25 yards in the air—including a two-yard TD toss—and 35 yards rushing, but it was his leadership that was missed most.

"When he stepped in the huddle it was like night and day," said Canton Coach Tim Baechler. "He's been the guy for three years and it was a big difference with his leadership and athletic ability. The guy is an incredible athlete and everybody knows it. So I think that



Canton's sophomore halfback Dalton Walser (36) busts through Wayne's defense in the Chiefs' 55-6 homecoming victory last Friday night.

just made everybody better."

With the score 41-0 at halftime, Little took a break as did the rest of the starters.

Two minutes into the game Canton struck first with a 53-yard run by senior halfback Matt Sweda. Junior Collin O'Shaughnessy nailed the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Three minutes later junior halfback Deshon McClendon scored from 26 yards out. Three minutes after that, McClendon scored again. This time it was from 29 yards.

The series started after senior defensive back Andrew Rossow sacked Wayne's junior quarterback Clint Cavanaugh on a 4th-and-2 attempt. Canton recovered on downs on Wayne's 48 and scored three plays later for a 21-0 lead after one quarter.

McClendon was even a force on defense. He recovered a Wayne fumble on the Zebra's 48-yard line. Less than two minutes into the second frame, Little connected with Rossow for a two yard touchdown.

Canton again recovered possession on downs, which led to a 60-yard jaunt to pay dirt by McClendon.

After another failed series by Wayne, sophomore halfback Dalton Walser returned a punt to Wayne's 11-yard line. Walser later punched it in to make it a 41-0 lead at halftime.

Canton's subs came in for the second half. And with about 5:43 left in the third session junior linebacker William Turner picked up a Wayne fumble and trucked 52 yards for a touchdown, making it a 48-0 game.

Wayne had a spark when their back-up sophomore quarterback scampered 48 yards on a broken play for the Zebras' lone score in the fourth quarter. The extra point attempt was no good for a 48-6 game.

And Canton finished off the scoring when junior full back Devin Murphy took it in from 34 yards out.

"I thought we played tough early on," said Wayne Coach Craig Hnatuk. "But you have to be able to play four solid quarters to win."

"They (Canton) are a much better team with Little in the lineup," he added. "We were hoping that he lost so much weight and wasn't fully healthy that he would make some mis-

takes."

Wayne's bigger loss of the night was senior running back Blaine Simmons, who went out in the first quarter with a broken ankle.

"We had some things up our sleeves with him that no one has seen before and never had a chance to use them," Hnatuk said.

Simmons runs a 4.3 40 and finished fifth in the State Powerlifting Championships this past March, Hnatuk said.

Although the victory should help Canton get back on track, improving their record to 3-2, they still have to win three of their next four games to make it to the playoffs, which is a concern for Baechler.

"Every game is huge now," he said. "It's like playoffs for us right now. We have to move on from here and keep getting better."

McClendon finished with 134 yards on just seven carries for Canton.

The Chiefs head to Northville to take on the 1-4 Mustangs at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Wayne heads to Plymouth at 7 p.m. tomorrow.



Senior quarterback Shawn Little (17) returned to the Chiefs' lineup last week after sitting out three games with a medical dilemma. The team lost two of the three games he didn't start.

Belleville hangs on for first victory against Kennedy

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It was another close one but Belleville managed to pull out a 25-20 gridiron victory against Taylor Kennedy last Friday night—their first win of the season.

It wasn't easy, though.

Belleville was leading 25-13 with about 1:18 left when Kennedy regained possession of the ball. Belleville was given a roughing the passer and unsportsman-like conduct penalty, which moved Taylor across

midfield. With about 30 seconds left Taylor scored to make it a 25-20 game.

Taylor tried for the onside kick, but it didn't go the required 10 yards and Belleville took possession. The clock ran out for the win.

"Here we go again," is what I thought," said Belleville Coach Bob LaPointe about the near loss. "It was similar against John Glenn the first week. We controlled the game and they came back and scored a touchdown in the final minutes to win."

"I thought we moved ball well,

which is something that we haven't done," he added. "We had chances to it put the game away but couldn't do it."

Belleville had a touchdown called back on a penalty in the first quarter, a fullback touchdown negated by a controversial call by the referees and an interception in the end zone, according to LaPointe. That's 18-21 points that didn't make it to the board.

After a scoreless first quarter, Belleville's Carlos Clark broke things open with a 25-yard jaunt to pay dirt for a 7-0 lead. Then

their defense recovered a bad snap in the end zone for a safety to make it a 9-0 game at the half, according to LaPointe.

Kennedy scored in the third to cut into Belleville's lead 9-7. Taylor took over the lead, 13-9, in the fourth, but the Tigers drove 74 yards down field for Clark's second score. This time he ran it in from 14 yards out to give Belleville the lead back, 16-13. Then the defense earned their second safety of the game when David Kennedy and Lavertis Adams led the attack in the end zone for the two points. The

Tigers went up 18-13.

Clark extended the Tigers' lead, 25-13, with a 21-yard run that capped off a 70-yard drive.

All the Tigers had to do was hold off Taylor for about a minute for their first win. It was close, but they did it.

Clark racked up 143 yards on 18 carries. Dajaun Roberts added 89 yards on seven carries.

"Our defense played well as a whole," LaPointe said.

Belleville goes for their second win when they host an undefeated Trenton at 7 p.m. tomorrow for their homecoming.

SPORTS

Canton tops Salem

Rivalry earns Chiefs 1st conference victory

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Rivalry games are meant to be exciting and the Canton-Salem hardwood match up wasn't out of the ordinary.

However, Thursday night looked to be a long one for the Canton girls basketball team when they tipped off against their cross-campus nemesis Salem.

Canton trailed for 27 of the game's 32 minutes. But after an arduous comeback effort, senior forward Leslie Olech sank the tying basket to make it a 24-24 game with about 5:14 left to play.

Then junior guard Ja'nee Morton hit for two, senior forward Lisa Ealy sank a free throw and junior guard Becci Houdek added two to give the Chiefs a five-point lead, 29-24.

All they had to do then was hold on for the win. And they did - they white-knuckled their way to a 33-28 victory.

"Our energy wasn't great early on, we didn't run the court," said Canton Coach Brian Symulski. "That was the big thing: we wanted to get out and run the ball and push the court. The kids did a great job and I'm excited for them to get this win. It's a good way to start the league. Now we

just have 10 more."

It wasn't easy as Salem led most of the way, scoring the first four points of the game and holding Canton to just a basket and two free throws for a 6-5 first-quarter lead.

Salem continued to move the ball well against Canton's stout defense. Although Morton scored the first points of the second frame, Salem bounced back with an eight-point run for a 14-7 lead with a minute left before half-time. But Ealy tossed up a two-pointer at the buzzer that bounced around the rim and finally fell in to make it a five-point game at the break.

Salem expanded their lead to 17-9 in the first minutes of the new half, but the Canton girls came to life and went on an 11-4 run, which cut into Salem's lead, 21-20. Salem's Brianne Clarin lead off the fourth with a triple but six Salem turnovers led Canton on a nine-point run, taking over the lead, 29-24. The rest of the game was decided at the line. Canton finished on top, 33-28.

Houdek led all scorers with eight points and Morton added six.

Junior Lauren Kurtz and sophomore Alaya Mitchel both scored six points for Salem.

"The thing that we had talked about and worked on was we didn't want their defensive pressure to take us out of our game, out of our routes and that's what happened," said Salem Coach Fred Thomann. "Their defense tightened up a little bit. We made a couple of mistakes with the ball and they capitalized on them and we didn't."

The last time the two teams met were in the 2004 district tournament. Salem won, 41-34, in Canton.

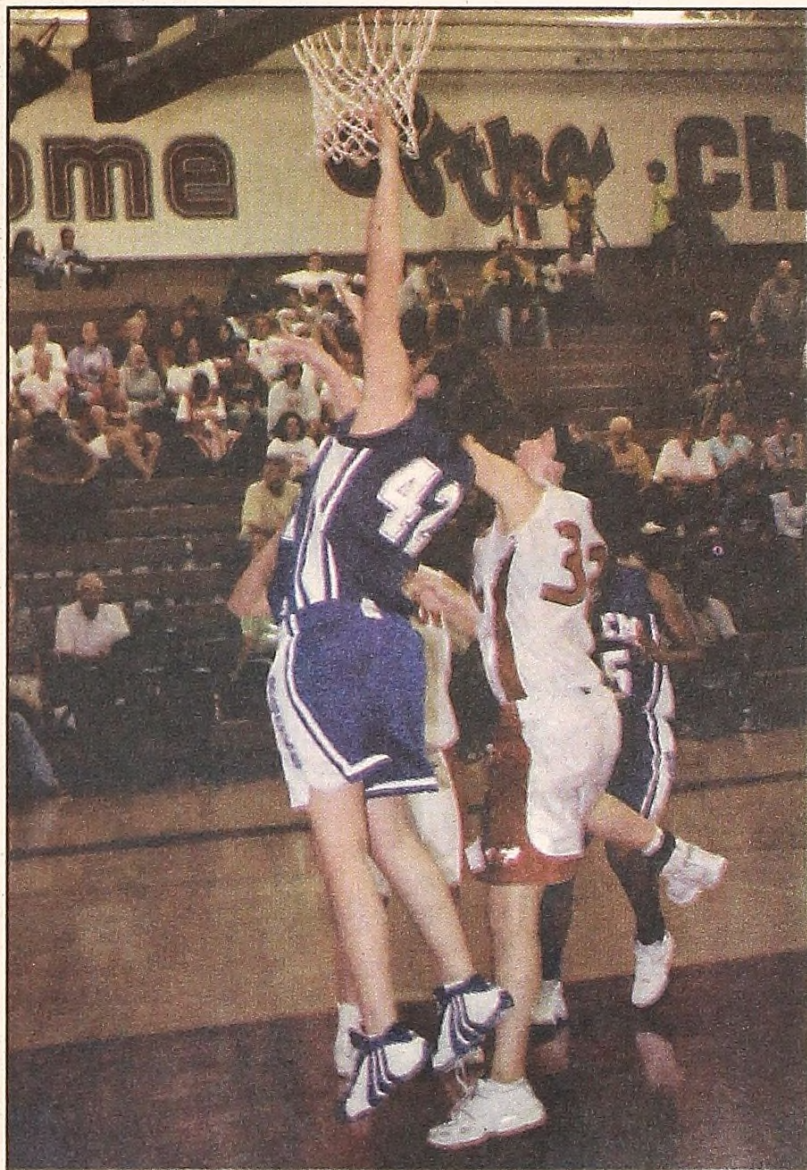
Although it was a bit of sweet redemption for Symulski in his first-year as head coach, it was just another win to tack on to his 5-2 record.

"It's fun, it's always fun," he said. "It makes it better when you win. I just try to come in and compete every day and move on from there."

Canton 57, Ann Arbor Huron 37

Symulski and his crew earned a 57-37 victory against a pretty successful Ann Arbor Pioneer team last Tuesday.

It was a 20-26 game for Canton at the half, but the Chiefs' defense tightened up in the third, holding Pioneer to two points and outscoring them with 22 points. Then they coasted to victory.



Salem junior Teresa Coppiellie (42) makes a lay-up in a rivalry game against Canton last Thursday night in Canton. Lisa Ealy helps defend in Canton's 33-28 victory.

Canton recorded 20 steals in the game; Houdek led with five. Senior guard Kelsy Zamanski nabbed four.

Morton led the offense with 22 points and Houdek added 13.

Ealy led on the boards with 14 rebounds.

Canton travels to Walled Lake Western at 7:00 tonight. Salem (4-2) hosts Walled Lake Central at 7 p.m.

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SPORTS



The '98 Mite A Plymouth Stingrays travel hockey team includes: (back row) Riley Brass, William Borrows, Jack Campbell, Adam Olson, Keegan Howdeshell, David Kiers, Ben Phillips, Cody Borke; (front row) Nolan Corker, Kyle Kozler, Nick Beers, Johnny Sladic, Cooper Zech, Ryan Radwan, Chase Danol; and (first row) goalie Trevor McManus. The team is coached by Dave Brass along with assistants Russ Borrows and Jeff Campbell.

Stingrays support Special Olympics

The '98 Mite A Plymouth Stingray Travel Hockey Team is hard at work conditioning, practicing and fundraising for their upcoming season—a returnable pop can here, a donation there—all to help sponsor the 7-year-old boys and cover the cost of their equipment, ice time and tournaments.

While the boys are hard at work they realize that there are a lot of children their age that would love to practice, play and collect those pop cans but cannot.

That is why the boys have decided to “turn the tables” and become sponsor themselves. This year, the '98 Stingrays are teaming up with

Special Olympics, the Lions and Joey Harrington to help raise funds for Special Olympics through the “Pennies-A-Yard” Program.

“Kids learn so much more than just how to play a game when they are involved in sports.” That was the lesson the Stingrays learned from the 2002 Special Olympics Report outlining the “Top 10 Ways Special Olympics Benefits Athletes”.

To learn more about the “Pennies-A-Yard” Program or support Special Olympics contact www.somi.org. If interested in supporting the '98 Stingrays, contact jradwan@comcast.net.

Lady 'Stangs 'steal' their way to 2 wins

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Lady 'Stangs recorded 53 steals as they trampled Dearborn Fordson and Livonia Churchill last week.

Most recently they took on the Chargers in the team's first conference match up. Northville got the job done with a 53-40 victory.

They recorded 18 steals led by Danielle Toney with eight.

The Mustangs moved to a 12-5 lead in the first quarter and made it a 19-10 game by half-

time. The offense came to life again in the second half, scoring 16 and 18 points in the final two periods.

Northville continued to spread the ball around, mostly as result of the steals, with four players in or near double figures.

“The way we play, a lot of different people are scoring,” he said. “It's a tribute to our defense. We've been able to turn teams over. We just need to do a better job of converting and not giving the ball back.”

Lindsey Blair led the pack

with 10 points. Toney added nine and Sarah Stern and Heather Cox each added eight.

Steals were a big part of Northville's 50-18 romping of Dearborn Fordson. Northville racked up 35 take-aways in the game.

Sarah Comai, Simone Toney and Stern each recorded six steals.

On offense, Blair led with 11, followed by Simone Toney with nine and Theresa Yankovich with eight. Northville hosts John Glenn at 7 p.m. today.

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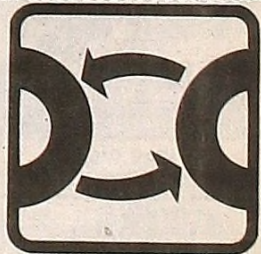
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SPORTS

Belleville Lady Tigers use quickness to hold off Saline

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Belleville Lady Tigers' week on the hardwood was cut short when they lost power Thursday night, canceling their contest with Southgate Anderson High School.

But the Young Belleville girls basketball team had a chance to show their resilience last Tuesday night when they held off a comeback attempt by the Saline Hornets.

The Lady Tigers were steady all the way through the four quarters, earning them a 46-41 victory.

They came out strong in the first quarter—something they have struggled with this season—and scored 11 points to trail by only three at the end of the session. In a majority of their games they have trailed by as much as 17 points after one quarter.

Their defense buckled down and held Saline to six points in the second, while their offense continued to impress. They scored 12 points in the second frame to overtake the lead, 23-19.

After the half Saline could only muster up one point and Belleville took a 15-point lead with only eight minutes left to play.

Saline got hot and went on a scoring

spree, narrowing the gap to three points with less than a minute left to play, according to Belleville Coach Kevin Edwards.

Belleville settled things down by making their free throws the rest of the way, earning the 46-41 win.

Junior Taylor Manley led Belleville with 15 points. Junior Danica Holmes added 14.

"We've been challenging the girls to play and win the first quarter—something they haven't been able to do so far—that's what we concentrated on," Edwards said. "They've been coming slow in the first half and then playing normal in the second

half. This time they came out and played a good first half and then they buckled down on defense and played tough the rest of the way."

The Lady Tigers only have one game again this week at 7 p.m. today at Inkster High School.

"I have to get our players playing tough," Edwards said. "I feel confident that they will play tough defense like they've been."

Next week the Tigers will have their first two-game week when they face Lincoln Park on Tuesday and Taylor Truman on Thursday, both on the road.

Plymouth Whalers lose home opener, thrash Saginaw

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers contest on Saturday night was more than just the home opener—it marked the beginning of the Whalers' 10th year at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

Almost 2,500 fans were on hand for the game, but it was anything but an anniversary celebration as the Sarnia Sting won, 2-1, in overtime.

Sarnia's Chad Painchaud put the damper on the party when he scored a power-play goal at about 2:32 in the overtime period.

The night started out on the right track

for Plymouth when Andrew Fournier scored his first goal of the new season to give the Whalers' 1-0 lead at about the 13:20 mark of the first frame. Dan Collins was the set up man, delivering the pass to Fournier.

It took all the way until the third period before Sarnia defender Nick Tuzzolino carried the puck deep into Plymouth's zone for rookie Danny Anger to score his first OHL goal. The score tied the game, 1-1, at the 1:46 mark and set the stage for overtime.

That's when Painchaud, set at the top of the right circle, triggered a one-timer from teammate Mark Katic to beat Plymouth goalie Ryan Nie.

The real game was between the pipes where Sarnia's Jeff MacDougal stopped 34-of-35 Plymouth shots and Nie stopped 34-36 Sarnia shots.

Plymouth 7, Saginaw 2

Plymouth traveled to Saginaw for their OHL season opener last Wednesday against the Spirit.

Plymouth outshot Saginaw, 41-27, in their 7-2 victory.

OHL officials were instructed at the start of the season to enforce the new standards of obstruction, holding and hooking rules. The new rules were adopted to match those of the NHL to help promote speed and transition. And it worked.

There were 22 power plays in the

Whalers first game. Plymouth won the special teams battle, going 4-for-10 on power plays to Saginaw's 2-for-12.

Collins and John Vigilante each contributed six points to the Whalers' victory.

Collins knocked in three marks and assisted on three others while Vigilante scored one and recorded five assists.

Mike Letizia, James Neal and McGinnis also scored for Plymouth.

Patrick MacNeill and Michal Birner scored for Saginaw.

Plymouth's second-year goalie Justin Garay stopped 25-of-27 shots in the victory.

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SPORTS

Late turnovers spoil Romulus Eagles' homecoming

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Romulus Eagles didn't win their homecoming contest, but they posted what was probably their best game this season, so far.

Turnovers were the Eagles down fall in the 35-20 loss to Garden City.

At one point Romulus led the Cougars, 14-6. But fatigue settled in and Romulus gave up some big plays and turned over the ball late in the fourth quarter, according to Romulus Coach Wade Cook.

Garden city started out with a score on their first drive of the game, taking an early 6-0 lead.

Romulus bounced back on their first possession as sopho-

more running back Mario Crawford jetted 92 yards to pay dirt. Junior kicker Jacob Eggers converted the extra point for Romulus to take a 7-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Romulus' junior fullback Jarrel White capped off a seven-minute, nine-play drive with a 23-yard jaunt up the middle to the end zone. Eggers kick was good again for 14-6 lead.

"We thought that we were in control at this point," Cook said. "We thought we could beat these guys. Our offensive line was great."

But with about a minute left in the half, the Romulus secondary got burned for a big pass play for a score. GC made good on a two-

point conversion to knot the game at 14.

Romulus controlled the clock on their first drive of the second half, taking up about six minutes of the third quarter. Crawford ended the drive with a 62-yard run for a score. The extra point failed, but Romulus regained the lead, 20-14.

As Romulus tired they started rushing plays, making bad decisions and taking bad penalties, according to Cook.

Garden City took advantage and scored again to take a 21-20 lead early in the fourth quarter, but Romulus didn't give in. They took another seven minutes off the clock as they marched down to the Cougars' 40-yard line. They

fumbled, though, and Garden City recovered. Five plays and 60 yards later the Cougars scored again. Romulus then trailed, 28-20.

On their next drive, the Eagles again moved down field to the Cougars' 40-yard line, threatening to score. As sophomore quarterback Larry Horne was looking to pass he was stripped from behind with the Cougars recovering. Garden City scored three plays later to put the game away, 35-20.

"We have a young team and we're still growing," Cook said. "They're getting all the experience they need. They're trying to get better every day. They're a bunch of young guys that played hard. I hope it wasn't just because

it was homecoming.

"It's frustrating for me and my staff," he added, "but we realize that we're growing and trying to set a foundation for the kids."

One of the positive notes for Romulus was the return of their star running back, Crawford, and no. 1 fullback White. It was the first game they both played.

Crawford, one of the premier rushers in the state, racked up 224 yards on 21 carries. White added 67 yards on nine carries.

Cook said on defense senior defensive end Ryan Fields dominated up front and senior defensive back Kevin Smith recorded six solo tackles.

Romulus heads to River Rouge at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

Lady Eagles drop 2 non-league games against Flint, Ann Arbor

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Although the Romulus Lady Eagle hoopsters lost both their contests last week, Candice Finley, in her first year as head coach, thinks of it as a learning experience.

Both teams, Flint Hamady and Ann Arbor Huron, are state-ranked and Romulus kept both games close.

They lost to Hamady, 62-50, on Tuesday and Huron, 66-56, on Thursday. Both games were at

Romulus' gym.

"We've improved a lot," Finley said. "We're learning not to be intimidated by a ranked team and a team that is bigger than us."

In Tuesday's game, Romulus was outscored 19-13 in the first quarter. By halftime they trailed by seven points, 31-24. In the second half, Flint scored another 18 points and took a 49-32 lead. Romulus didn't quit. In the final period the Lady Eagles outscored Flint, 18-13, but ran out of time to fully recover from

the third quarter.

"Both teams played hard," Finley said. "We were out rebounded—Flint Hamady has a big team. We're still in the process of taking better care of the ball, too, but the main thing is rebounds."

Romulus turned over the ball 22 times in the outing.

Junior center Alysa Long, Romulus' tallest player at 5-foot-11, led the team with 14 points. Junior guard Erika Wasson added 13 and sophomore Christina Barnett chipped in

with 11.

Turnovers were a factor in the Eagles' 66-56 loss to Huron, too. Romulus kept throwing the ball away, resulting in a 12-0 run for Huron. Ann Arbor led, 18-17, after the first quarter. By the end of the first half, Huron amassed a seven point lead, 36-29.

Huron extended the advantage, 55-42, at the end of three.

Finley said that her Eagles brought the game to within five points in the final 10 minutes of play but couldn't get it done.

"In this game the girls really

showed me that they wanted to win," she said. "They showed a lot of heart and put 110 percent into it." Everybody is focused now and they know it's going to be a tough season and they are going to have to give 110 percent every game."

Long led the team with a 14 points and 10 rebounds for her second double-double of the season, according to Finley. Wasson added 12 in the outing.

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Clyde C. Woods, 99 of Northport, died Monday Sept. 12, 2005, under the loving care of those at Lakeview Estates in Maple City.

Clyde was born Oct. 29, 1905 in Manchester, Tenn., the son of Jim and Belle (Walker) Woods. On Oct. 18, 1925, Clyde married Bedia Harrison, with whom he spent 67 wonderful years until her death in 1992.

Clyde worked 43 years as a material handling engineer for Ford Motor Company, and was also a life member of Masonic Lodge in Belleville and the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #73.

Clyde is survived by his three children, two sons, Clyde (Sheryl) Woods of Dearborn, and Gerald (Linda) Woods of Northport, and a daughter, Donna Gavin of Atlanta, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Marie (Marvin) Ledbetter of Penson, Ala. Clyde is preceded in death by his wife, Bedia; his parents; two sisters, Susan and Thelma; and a brother, Horace.

Funeral services were held Sept. 14 at Trinity United Church of Christ in Northport and were officiated by Rev. William Belko. Services were also held in Manchester, Tenn. on Sept. 17 and were officiated by Brother Ricky Smith. Interment is at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Tullahoma, Tenn. Memorial contributions may be directed to Trinity United Church of Christ/Katrina Relief Fund. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City.

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Nothing signals the onset of autumn like the abundance of crisp, colorful apples available at local grocery stores, farmers markets and orchards. Whether used as a main ingredient in traditional favorites like apple pie, or as a staple in harvest arts and crafts, the ripe autumn fruit provides an endless supply of delicious possibilities.

And, here's an extra treat to make using those apples even easier. Pillsbury is including a packet of flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in packages of their refrigerated pie crusts.

While it may seem almost too easy, with the already rolled out pie dough that simply needs unfolded, and the pre-measured and perfect spices...well, there is still the peeling and coring and all that to make cooks feel they've put a bit of effort into the wonderful treats that fall apples can bring.

These recipes all use the refrigerated dough, but those who must suffer are welcome to substitute their own recipe...Enjoy.

Easy Apple Foldovers with Apple Glaze

Filling

- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 medium apples, peeled, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Crust

- 1 box (15-ounce) Pillsbury® refrigerated pie crusts, softened as directed on box

Glaze

- 2/3 cup powdered sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 to 3 teaspoons apple cider or apple juice

Heat oven to 375°F. In small bowl, mix walnuts, brown sugar and butter with pastry blender or fork until crumbly. In medium bowl, stir together apples, flour and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon; set aside.

Remove crusts from pouches; unroll on work surface. Cut each crust into quarters. Place about 1/4 cup apple mixture on one half of each pie crust wedge. Sprinkle with walnut mixture. Fold untopped half over filled half (foldovers will be full). Press edges with fork to seal. Prick top

with fork. Place on large ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 22 to 28 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 10 minutes. Meanwhile, in small bowl, stir together glaze ingredients until smooth. Drizzle over foldovers. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.

Makes eight foldovers

Caramel Apple Tarts with Cinnamon Cutouts

- 1 Pillsbury® refrigerated pie crust (from 15-ounce box), softened as directed on box
- 1/4 teaspoon granulated sugar
- Dash of ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup apple cider or apple juice
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 medium tart apple, chopped
- 1/2 cup frozen whipped topping, thawed

Heat oven to 425°F. Remove crust from pouch; unroll on work surface. Pat or roll into 12-inch circle. With 3 1/2-inch round cutter, cut 8 rounds from pie crust. Reserve dough scraps. Fit rounds into 8 ungreased regular-size muffin cups, gently pressing in bottoms and up sides; prick sides and bottoms with fork.

Bake 7 to 9 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from muffin cups to wire rack. Cool completely, about 15 minutes. Meanwhile, in small bowl, mix granulated sugar and cinnamon. With canape cutter, cut 8 small autumn shapes from dough scraps that have been rolled together. Sprinkle with sugar-cinnamon mixture. Place on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 6 to 8 minutes or until golden brown.

Meanwhile, in small bowl, stir together apple cider and cornstarch. In 2-quart saucepan, melt butter. Add cornstarch mixture and brown sugar. Heat to boiling over medium-high heat, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat; stir in apple. Cool 10 minutes.

Fill tart shells with apple mixture. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Just before serving, top each tart with 1 tablespoon whipped topping and cinnamon cutout. Store in refrigerator.

Makes eight tarts

TIP: If desired, use colored sugar to decorate pie crust cutouts, and omit cinnamon and sugar.

A dish to delight all



Now serving

by Frank Agostini

As a chef, I like to focus on the acute details of food: the style, the appearance and the distinct gourmet tastes and unusual flavors and combinations are important to me.

As a normal guy who takes joy in a great-tasting meal, however, I like a hearty dish that will stick to my ribs in the autumn months. Finding a recipe for a common and yet excellent meal can be fun, because you can always spice it up or vary it with your own ideas to make it exciting and make it your own.

This Hungarian-style chicken paprikash dish is perfect for a rib-sticking meal, and it is easy to make. Any variation of spices can be added to this dish to give it a lemony zest or a spicy kick; even leaving it just as the recipe directs makes for a very tasty meal.

Traditionally, paprikash is served along with spaetzle, little boiled noodle-dough dumplings, or broad egg noodles. Served on pasta, it's perfect for a one-dish meal. I recommend medium to wide pasta ribbons, shells or other various medium to large pasta shapes.

CHICKEN PAPRIKASH

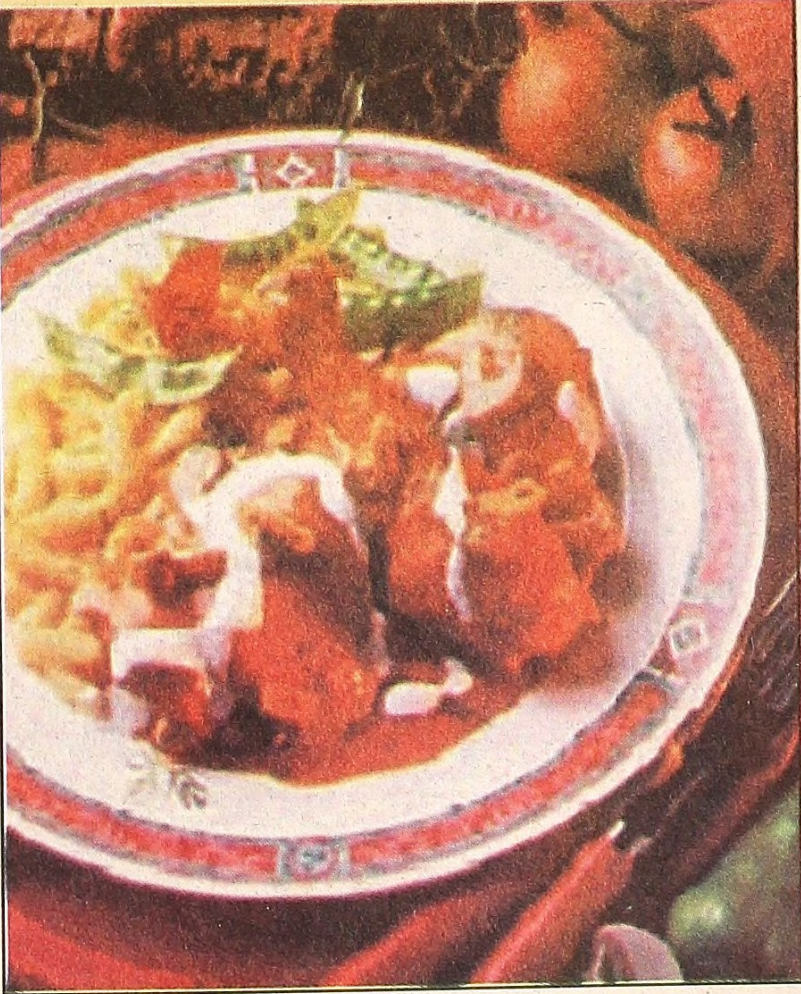
- 6 Tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 pound boned and skinned chicken breast meat, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch-wide strips
- 1 medium green or red bell pepper; quartered, stemmed, seeded and cut crosswise into 1/4-inch wide strips
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 Tablespoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon caraway seed
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 2 Tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 teaspoons double-concentrate tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

In a large, heavy skillet or saucepan, melt the butter with the oil over moderate to high heat. When the butter foams, add the chicken, bell pepper and onion. Saute until the chicken has lost all its pink color and the vegetables are tender-crisp (about 5 minutes).

Add the paprika and caraway seed; sauté 1 minute longer. Add the wine and lemon juice and bring to a gentle boil, stirring and scraping the pan constantly to prevent sticking and burning. Simmer at a gentle boil, stirring constantly for about 5 minutes.

Stir in the sour cream, tomato paste, salt and black pepper. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 2-3 minutes longer.

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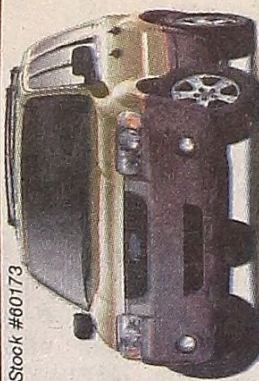
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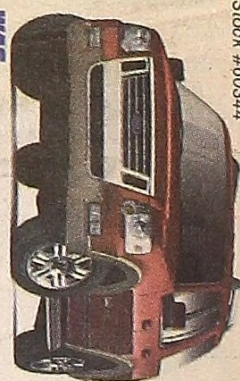
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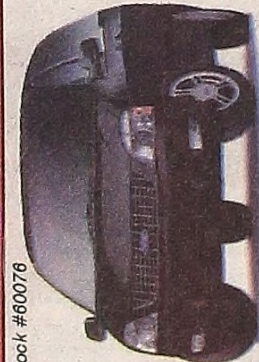
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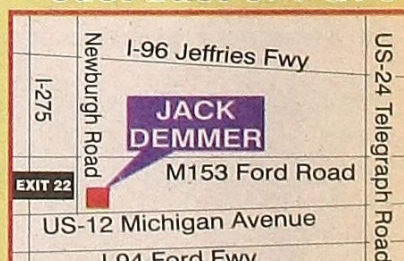


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